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reconfirm what the Legislature has already done.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I move previous question.

PRESIDENT: I think he said that he would move the previous question. Are there five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is, shall debate now cease? The question is, shall debate now cease? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 6 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, would Senator Rumery yield to a question. Senator Rumery, you mentioned 43,000 square feet of space and this would be acquired at the approximate cost of \$16 per square foot. Is this 43,000 square feet of space all usable space?

SENATOR RUMERY: Architects indicate that there is usually about, what, 30% that is used for hallways, toilet facilities and a few extra places like that.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I guess my question would refer to the fact that this is now or has been a hospital. Is that correct?

SENATOR RUMERY: Right.

SENATOR DICKINSON: And without changing the walls, and so forth, the hallways would be wider than a normal office building and this sort of thing, and this would then be waste. Is this true or not true?

SENATOR RUMERY: It is not true, Senator Dickinson, and that is the reason that it was no longer approved for a hospital was because the halls were too narrow and the building, many of those walls are supporting walls, with concrete and steel in them and it would be difficult to remodel the building for a hospital to meet this requirement. So we have a building here that is substantial and it will probably outlive anybody on this floor.

SENATOR DICKINSON: How much space is the state renting for office space or is using in North Platte at the moment?

SENATOR RUMERY: It has been projected that...

SENATOR DICKINSON: No, I mean right now.

SENATOR RUMERY: Around 29,000 square feet.

SENATOR DICKINSON: We are using 29,000 now?

SENATOR RUMERY: That is the way I understand it. Projections have been made by asking the Departments how much space they will be needing in the next few years and the fact is we have it recorded up to 1983.